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In re application of:

Olivier MATILE

Confirmation No. 3030

Serial No. 10/077,950

GROUP 1742

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Examiner Scott R. Kastler

LASER CUTTING METHOD AND APPARATUS  
WITH A BIFOCAL OPTICAL MEANS AND A  
HYDROGEN-BASED ASSIST GAS

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL AND AFTER NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

May 19, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of January 21, 2004,  
and further to the Notice of Appeal filed March 30, 2004, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.